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		Examiner Name	Fleurantin, Jean B.
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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT	
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Date	4-3-06

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Jerome A. Mouton, Jr. et al.

Serial No. 09/295,690

Filed: April 21, 1999

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
UPGRADING A DATABASE IN A  
REDUNDANT ENVIRONMENT BY  
RELEASE CHAINING

EXAMINER: FLEURANTIN, JEAN B.

ART UNIT: 2162

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SUMMARY OF RECORD OF INTERVIEW UNDER MPEP 713.04

This paper is responsive to the Examiner's Interview Summary mailed March 2, 2006.

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### *Examiner Interview Summary*

The Examiner granted a telephonic interview on February 22, 2006 with applicants' representative, Richard Thill (Reg. No. 53,686). The purpose of the interview was to clarify the basis of the 35 USC 101 rejections of claims 1, 5, 9 and 13 of the application in the Office Action mailed September 9, 2005 ("Office Action").

Applicants' representative argued to the Examiner that the rejections of claims 1, 5, 9 and 13 under 35 USC 101 were improper because the rejections were based on the preamble phrases "A method" (claim 1), "An article of manufacture" (claims 5 and 9), and "An apparatus" (claim 13), all of which are all statutory subject matter under any reading of the statute. No agreement was reached. The Examiner offered to consider any timely response filed by the applicants.

Applicants filed a timely response to the Office Action on March 9, 2006, which also included a summary of subsequent Examiner Interviews conducted on March 3, 2006.

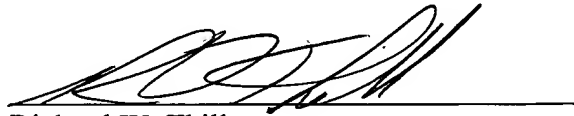
If the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Richard Thill at (408) 720-8300.

If there are any additional charges, please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

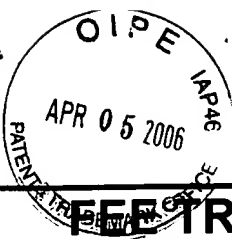
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Dated: 4-3, 2006

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# FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2005

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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$) 120.00

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Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)		
1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet.	
2053	130	2053	130	Non-English specification	
1251	120	2251	60	Extension for reply within first month	120.00
1252	450	2252	225	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	1,020	2253	510	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,590	2254	795	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2,160	2255	1,080	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	500	2401	250	Notice of Appeal	
1402	500	2402	250	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	1,000	2403	500	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	2451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1460	130	2460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
1809	790	1809	395	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
1810	790	2810	395	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
Other fee (specify) _____					
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